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In re Application Of	: Group Art Unit: 1615
PANKAJ MODI	: Examiner: T. Ware
Serial No. 09/538,829	: Attorney Docket No. 358594-00010-2
Filed: March 30, 2000	: Entitled:
(Continuation-in-Part of Application Serial No. 09/216,733, filed December 21, 1998, which is a CIP of 09/021,114, filed February 10, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,017,545, issued on January 25, 2000)	: METHOD FOR ADMINISTERING : INSULIN TO THE BUCCAL : REGION

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

April 24, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2001, in connection with the above-captioned application. The Office Action has been carefully reviewed, and the following response offered in an attempt to advance the case to allowance. Reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims in light of the following remarks is courteously requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

1 ~~26~~. (Amended) A method for administering insulin to the buccal mucosa comprising spraying an effective amount of said insulin to the buccal mucosa using a metered dose inhaler, while resisting substantial inhalation of said insulin.

Please cancel Claim 35.



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